

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to claim the same or substantially the same subject matter of the attached U.S. Patent No. 6,541,661, which issued April 1, 2003.

As required by 37 CFR § 1.607(c), the applicants submit that the above presents claims which correspond exactly (claims 220-253 above correspond exactly to claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,541,661) or substantially (claims 254-278 above correspond substantially to claims 1, 4-11, 14-23, 26 and 29-33, respectively, of U.S. Patent No 6,541,661) to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,541,661.

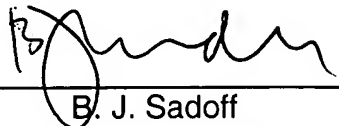
The Office is requested to appreciate that the corresponding published application (WO 02/30879 A2) corresponding to the parent application Serial No. 10/381,790, was published with a set of claims numbered 1-148. The claims of the parent PCT/GB01/04326, were amended during the International Phase of PCT/GB01/04326, to replace the set of claims numbered 1-148 with a set of claims numbered 1-219, which are attached as ANNEXES to the IPER (copy attached hereto). The application therefore is believed to have entered the U.S. with claims numbered 1-219 pending. The above amendments have canceled claims 1-219 (i.e., all the claims from the International Phase) and entered new claims 220-278. Claims 220-278, shown above, are believed to be the only pending claims. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise.

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An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

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